











THE CURRENT ROPEWAYS

Mont Blanc ropeways were made between 1940 and 1947 from military state property.

The current ropeways consist of three sections that lead from La Palud - Courmayeur (1370 m) to Punta Helbronner (3452 m), in the core of the Mont Blanc mountain chain.



In the year 2000 the property of the ropeways passed from the domain to the Autonomous Region of Valle d'Aosta, because the installations were due to expire of technical life (year 2007).





THE ROPEWAYS TODAY











First section "La Palud – Pavillon"

-Tensioning bottom station
-Driving upper station:
-Inclined length:
-Difference in level:
-Capacity:
-Capacity of each car
-Maximum speed

1370 m a.s.l.
2178 m a.s.l.
1806 m
808 m
260 p/h
26+1 persons

Maximum speed 8 m/s Trip duration: 5 minutes







THE ROPEWAYS TODAY











Second section "Pavillon – Rifugio Torino"

-Tensioning bottom station: 2181 m a.s.l.
-Driving upper station: 3329 m a.s.l.
-Inclined length: 2440 m
-Difference in level: 1148 m
-Capacity: 300 p/h
-Capacity of each car
-Maximum speed 10 m/s

-Trip duration: 5 min. 56 Sec







THE ROPEWAYS TODAY











Third section"Rif. Torino – Punta Helbronner"

- Driving bottom station 3320 m a.s.l. -Tensioning upper station 3452 m a.s.l. -Inclined length: 252 m -Difference in level: 132 m

-Capacity 400 p/h -Capacity of each car 8 persons -Maximum speed 6 m/s

-Trip duration: 1 min. 7 Sec.







BRIGDE OVER TWO NATIONS





Mont Blanc ropeways are an integral part of international transport connection between Courmayeur (Italy) and Chamonix (France), and form a strong relationship between the two alpine communities located at the foot of the Mont Blanc. During the years of the tunnel traffic closure they represented the only cross-border direct connection between the two valleys.

The glacier crossing from Courmayeur (1370 m) to Chamonix (1030 m), through Punta Helbronner (3452 m) and Aiguille du Midi (3842 m), by the cable car is still one of the most audacious transport infrastructure in the world.

The brilliance and uniqueness of solutions are still astonishing (eg suspended tower), and it's remarkable the genius of the inventor ing. Lora Totino and the work of all the people who have worked for their realization more than 60 years ago. It is a transport infrastructure which is both a link between the alpine communities, and cultural heritage and technology to be exploited





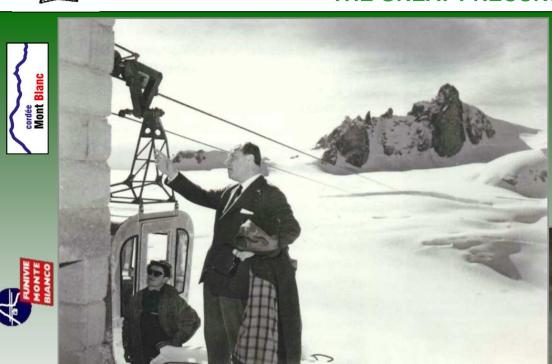


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THE NEW ROPEWAYS





The new ropeways project is divided in two sections from 1308 m of altitude of Pontal d'Entreves to 3452 m of Punta Helbronner.





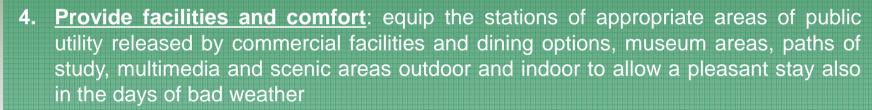


OBJECTIVES





- 1. <u>Increase transport capacity</u>: replace the current expiring ropeways improving the hourly flow and ensuring the international connection with the plants in France
- **2.** <u>Improve safety and reliability</u>: ensure access and evacuation of tourists, especially from sites at high altitude, in all weather conditions
- 3. <u>Valorize the features of the site</u>: build installations and stations so that customers can enjoy the incomparable view of the Mont Blanc





5. Respect for the environment: build stations integrated and harmonized with surrounding areas by reducing environmental impact and energy requirements; install highly technological plant for water supply and waste management; recovery of the areas of the site and the old volumes disused





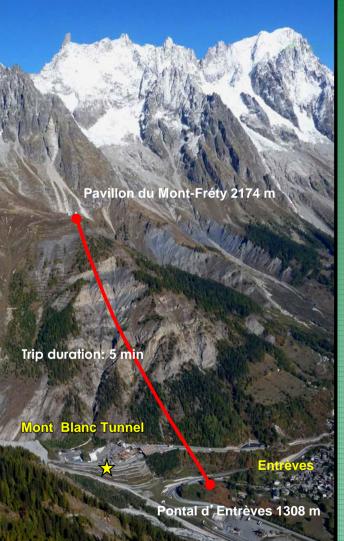
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CHARACTERISTICS









1st section Pontal d'Entrèves – Mont Fréty

Hourly flow	800	pers/h
Inclined length	1.748	m
Height difference	864	m
Line speed with main drive	9,0	m/s
Carrier mass with full load	15.000	kg
Carriers capacity	80	pers
Main drive power	650	kW
Reserve drive power	325	kW
Recovery drive power	120	kW
Rescue drive power	120	kW
Towers	3	
Carrying ropes diameter	64	mm
Upper hauling rope diameter	35	mm
Lower hauling rope diameter	35	mm
Rescue rope diameter	16	mm



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CHARACTERISTICS





2nd section Mont Fréty – Punta Helbronner

Hourly flow	600	pers/h
Inclined length	2.636	m
Height difference	1.273	m
Line speed with main drive	9,0	m/s
Carrier mass with full load	15.000	kg
Carriers capacity	75	pers
Main drive power	600	kW
Reserve drive power	300	kW
Recovery drive power	120	kW
Rescue drive power	120	kW
Towers	2	
Carrying ropes diameter	64	mm
Upper hauling rope diameter	37	mm
Lower hauling rope diameter	35	mm
Rescue rope diameter	16	mm





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ROPEWAY CHARACTERISTICS











A ropeway ball-like (the spherical shape has always been the preferred design for the spaceships) for Mont Blanc, offers many advantages. The sphere is the shape that has the outer surface lower with respect to the volume. It has no corners or edges, so it is able to support the load evenly from all sides. It does not show structural defects and it is the form less wasteful of energy.

The cars become a center of information and entertainment during the trip. Passengers receive on the screens detailed information on current weather, avalanche risk, offers, schedules of the plant, events, promotions and various news. A camera placed under the floor allows to transmit in the cab panoramic images of the valley below.

The rotating cab does a complete turn during the single trip allowing everyone to see the panorama to 360°





























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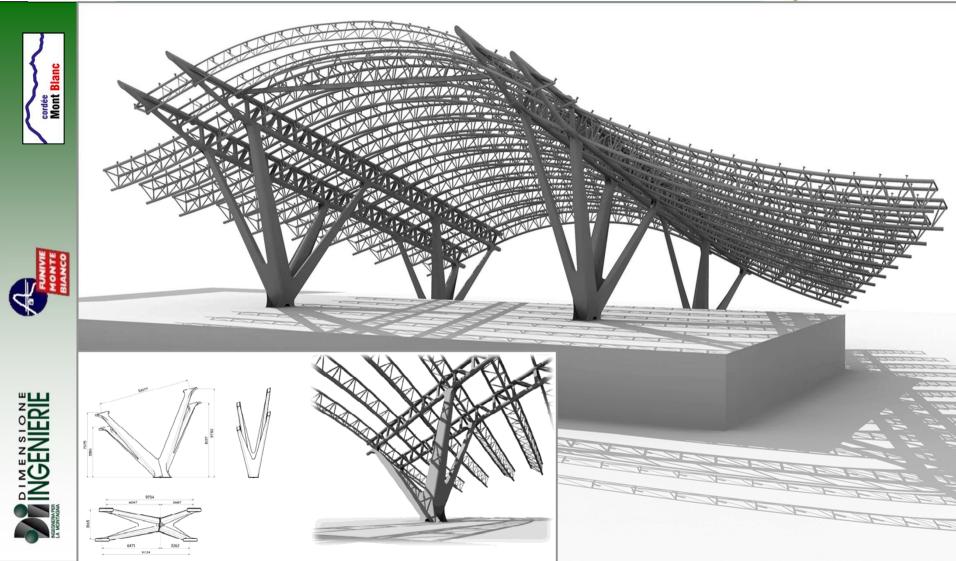








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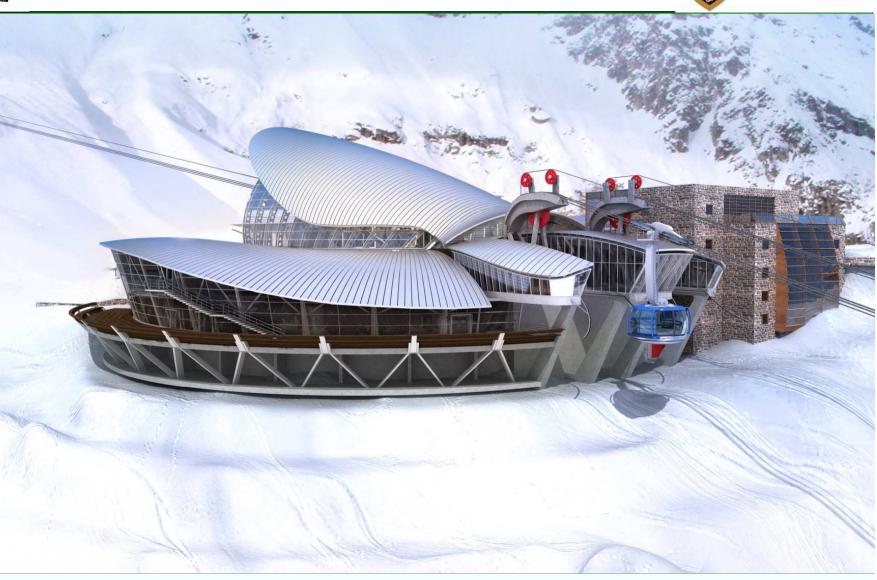












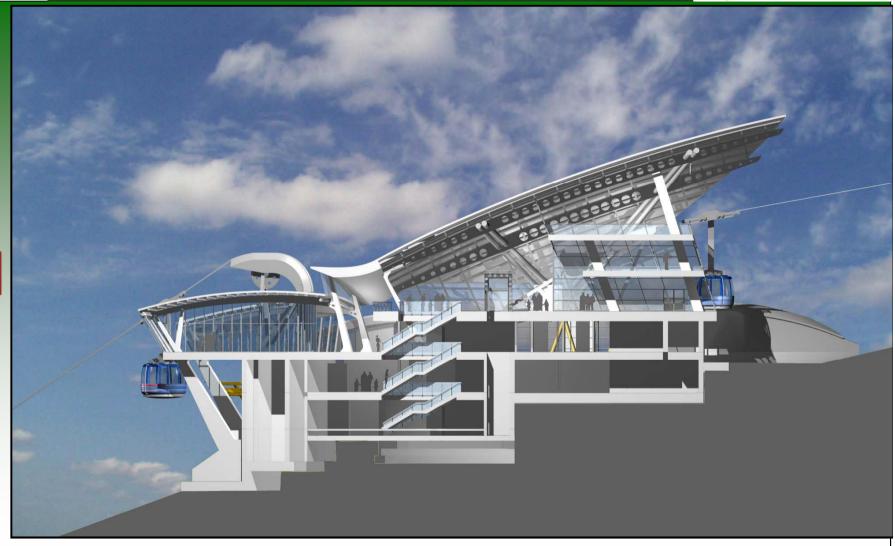












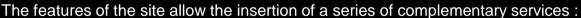












- Inner lifts
- Bar with panoramic terrace
- High level restaurant with panoramic terrace
- Typical Restaurant
- Multimedia room and theater with 100 seats
- Commercial Areas
- Wide museum area
- Thematic communication areas
- External routes of approach to nature
- Botanical Garden
- Solarium with the view of Mont Blanc









PUNTA HELBRONNER

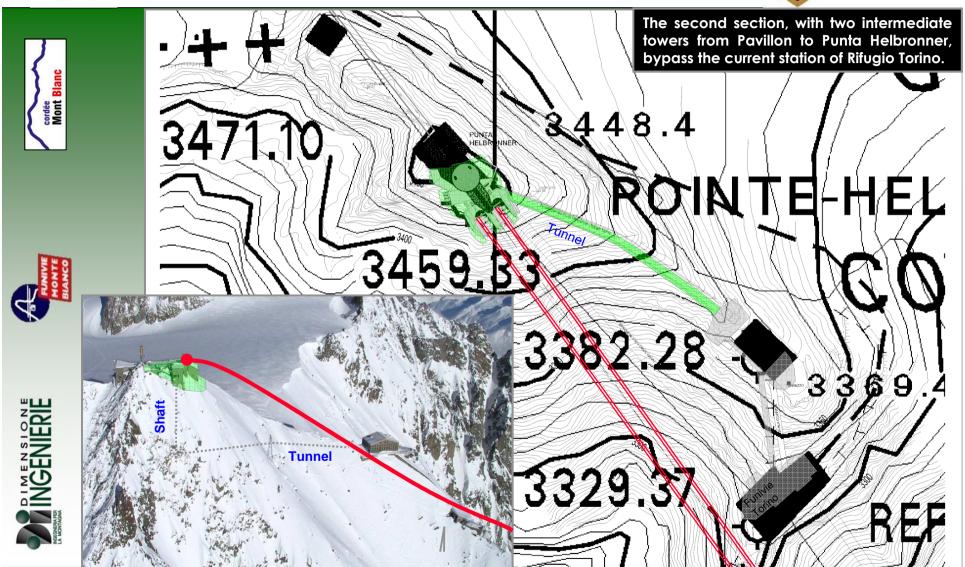






PUNTA HELBRONNER









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The shaft, made by reinforced concrete with internal diameter of 5 m and about 80 meters deep in the rock, ensures the consolidation of the rocky substrate and provides maximum safety to the anchorages of the ropes. The structure equipped with central elevators and emergency staircase, offers the connection between the refuge "Torino Nuovo" and the new station, because the new project, will eliminate the current stop near the Refuge.

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PUNTA HELBRONNER











The edgy nature of the external forms is in close relationship with the use of materials with high performance. The selected shapes are also able to avoid accumulation of snow and ice on the outside surfaces of the building, even through the contribution of thermostatic performance of the coating materials.



PUNTA HELBRONNER











The stingy space availability has pushed the shapes toward the empty slopes in search of spaces projecting. The elements of different materials (reinforced concrete, steel, wood and glass), provides an original interior environmental content in close relationship with the outside



PUNTA HELBRONNER













PUNTA HELBRONNER



















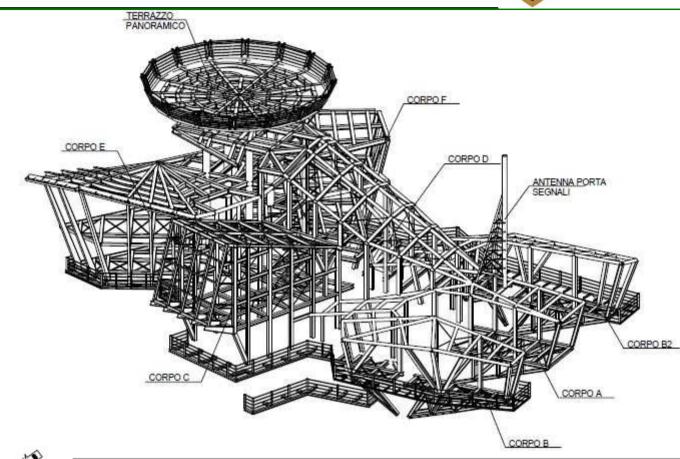
PUNTA HELBRONNER – Pre assembly

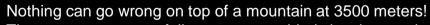












The structures are fully pre assembled in the workshop, disassembled and reassembled in blocks up to 5 tons (maximum weight for ropeway conveyor and cranes at Punta Helbronner).











The highest yard in Europe



SITE ORGANIZATION











Today 120 people are working over the 7 different sites.

The supply of the materials is organized through the use of four ropeway conveyors and seven cranes:

Ropeway conveyors:

T1 – Brenva – Pavillon (10 ton)

T2 - Line 1 (5 ton)

T3 – Pavillon – Rifugio Torino (5 ton)

T4 – Line 2 (5 ton)

Cranes:

- 2 at the site of Pontal
- 1 at the site of Pavillon
- 3 at the site of Punta Helbronner (2 of them are used to carry material from the T3 top station to Punta Helbronner)
- 1 along the line to carry out the assembly of towers



ROPEWAY CONVEYORS













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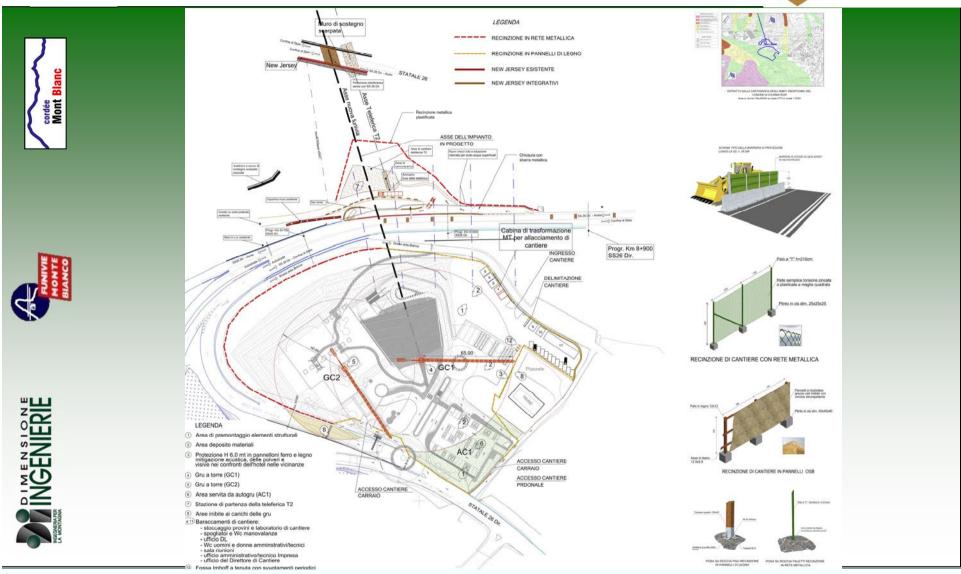




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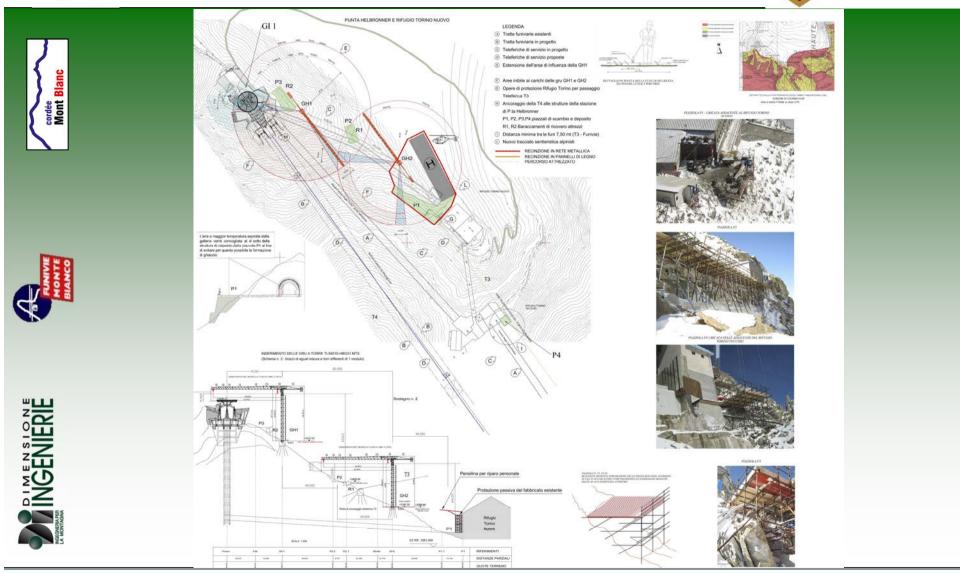






PUNTA HELBRONNER YARD







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PUNTA HELBRONNER YARD













WORK IN ALTITUDE AND RESCUE





ACCLIMATISATION

Overnight stay in altitude of workers at Rifugio Torino

SHIFT WORK

tests to define correct shifts to balance the efforts made and the appropriate recovery time (initially 7 working days and 4 days of rest, then 6 working days and 3 days of rest)



specialist visits in the medical mountain surgery of Aosta (general physical examinations, tests hypoxia)



FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

bottled oxygen defibrillator winched stretchers winched infirmary box

EVACUATION PROCEDURE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

helicopter current cableways ropeway conveyor





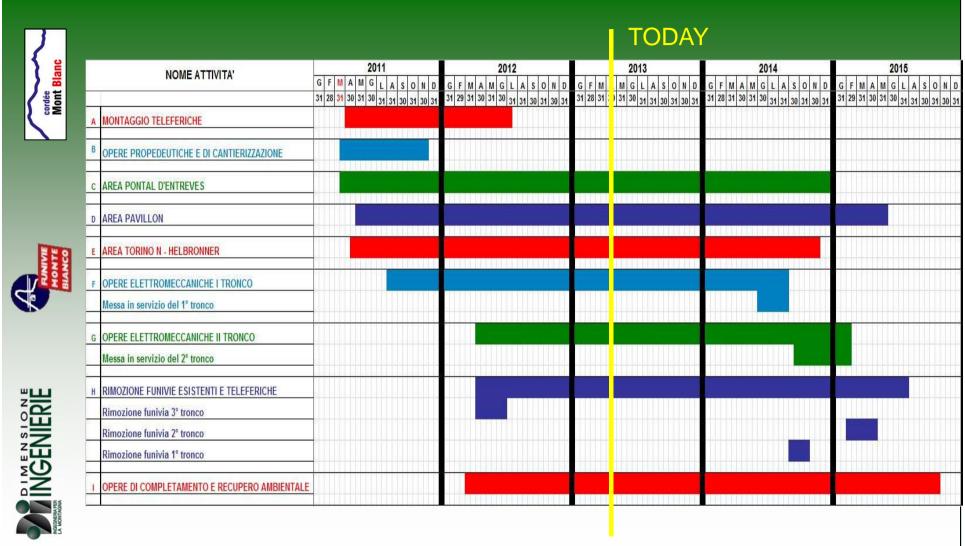






TIMESCALE









THE PROJECT IN DIGITS





COSTS

Total Amount	€	110.814.480,22
Works and supplies	€	106.546.163,88
Security burden:	€	4.198.091,85
Charges of landfill:	€	70.224,49



MATERIALS

Concrete :	me	35.000
Steel for reinforced concrete:	ton	4.000
Steel structural works:	ton	2.000
Steel for ropeway structural works:	ton	1.000
Excavations and infill:	mc	150.000
Carrying ropes (\emptyset = 64 mm L = 18.000 m)	ton	400
Hauling ropes ($\emptyset = 35-37 \text{ mm}$ L = 10.000 m)	ton	60
Rescue ropes (\emptyset = 16 mm L = 10.000 m)	ton	10





PROJECT AND WORK MANAGEMENT







DIMENSIONE INGENIERIE STI

(Team-Leader Mandatory and Service Coordinator)

FUNIPLAN Srl





STUDIO CORONA Srl

PROTEO Srl

STUDIO CANCELLI ASSOCIATO

Ing. SERGIO RAVET

Dott. For. SILVIO DURANTE

Dott. For. PAOLO TERZOLO

Dott. Geol. ROBY VUILLERMOZ





WORK EXECUTION





Consorzio Cordée Mont Blanc:





Cogeis SpA Doppelmayr Italia Srl

I.V.I.E.S. SpA Costruzioni Stradali B.G.F Srl P.A.C. SpA Consorzio Stabile Valle d'Aosta S.C.ar.I **Boma Construction Srl**

















Work in progress



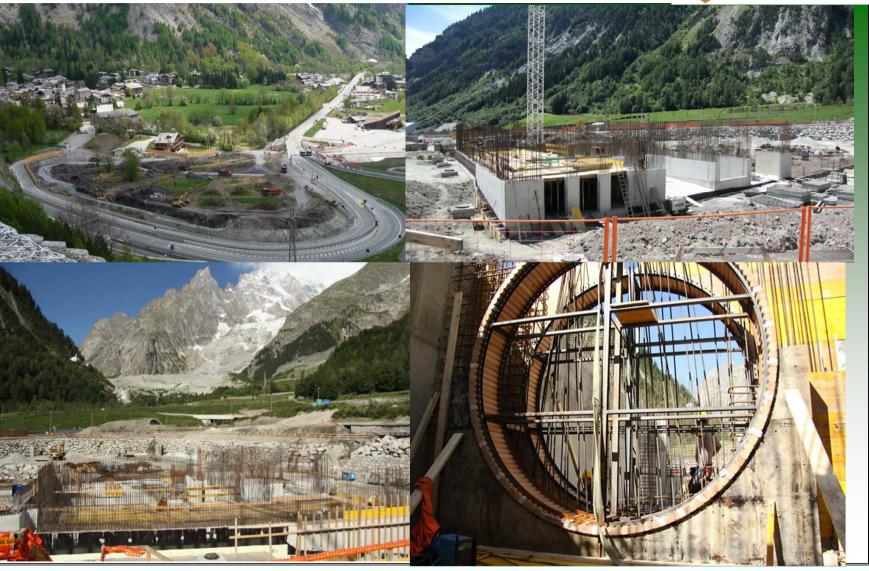
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1ST SECTION TOWERS













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PAVILLON YARD



















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TUNNEL - SHAFT

















PUNTA HELBRONNER DEMOLITION















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LIVING AND WORKING IN ALTITUDE























Measures to improve operation







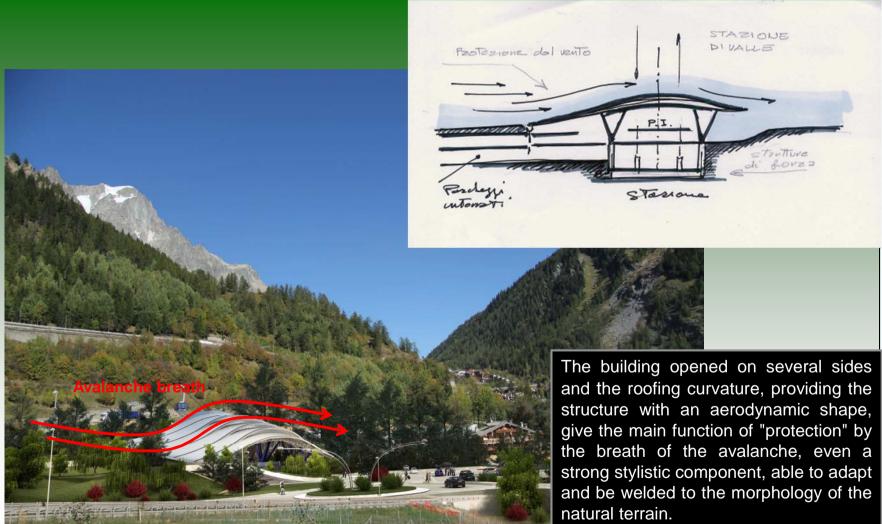
PROTECTION BY THE AVALANCHE BREATH











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PROTECTION AGAINST SNOW AND WIND











The plans of boarding stations in altitude will be completely closed to avoid during windy days the accumulation of snow and so reduce days with delayed opening and operational interruptions





PROTECTION AGAINST THE WIND











The spherical shape of the cabin reduces the surface area exposed to the wind and improves its "Cx"



PROTECTION AGAINST THE WIND













It's possible to ballast the cabin filling the water tank located under the floor



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PROTECTION AGAINST THE WIND





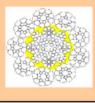


Wire Rope Technical Comparison Data Sheet

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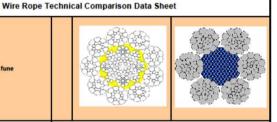
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	Caratteristiche Tecniche		
ostruzione		9xK19S-EPIWRC	
lametro nominale [d]	mm	37,0	
lametro atteso (fune in tensione 20% MBL)	mm	37,9	
iametro [H] fili esterni (prima della compattazione)	mm	2,52	
ezione [A] (soio trefoii esterni)	mm ³	558	
ezione [A] (totale)	mm ²	743	
lasse di resistenza fune	N/mm ²	1960	
esistenza nominale fili	N/mm ²	1960	
arico somma del soli trefoli esterni	kN	1093	
arico di rottura dei soli trefoli esterni	kN	896	
arico Somma minimo fune completa	kN	1456	
arico Rottura minimo fune completa	KN	1194	
		12/22/	







Caratteristiche Tecniche						
Costruzione		9xK19S-EPIWRC	6xK26WS-SFC			
diametro nominale [d]	mm	35,0	35,0			
diametro atteso (fune in tensione 20% MBL)	mm	35,9	36,1			
diametro [H] fili esterni (prima della compattazione)	mm	2,39	2,60			
sezione [A] (solo trefoli esterni)	mm ²	499	552			
sezione [A] (totale)	mm ²	665	552			
classe di resistenza fune	N/mm²	1960	1960			
resistenza nominale fili	N/mm²	1960	1960			
carico somma del soli trefoli esterni	kN	978	NA			
carico di rottura dei soli trefoli esterni	kN	802	NA			
Carlco Somma minimo fune completa	kN	1303	1064			
Carlco Rottura minimo fune completa	kN	1068	909			
massa (con plastica)	kg/m	5,73	4,90			
avvolgimento		PD	PD			
numero del trefoli esterni	\Box	9	6			
passo di cordatura	mm	233	245			
trefoil compattats		SI	SI			
modulo elastico [E] (dal 20 al 40% MBF)	kN/mm²	120	125			
rigidezza assiale [EA]	MN	79,8	69,0			
piastificazione dell'anima metallica		SI	NO			
protezione dell'accialo	\top	zincatura	zincatura			

The increase of diameter and mass of the hauling cables gives greater stability against the wind





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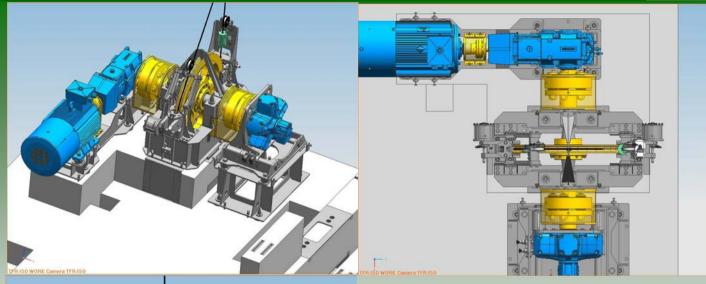


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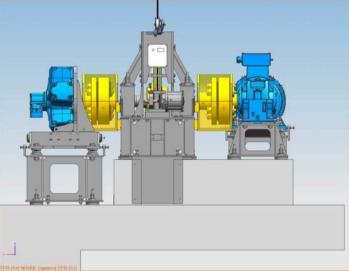
PROTECTION AGAINST HUMIDITY AND ICING











The winch rope rescue of both sections will be equipped with two drives: the first will be an hydraulic drive and the second an electric one, which will be powered and kept in operation during the night to prevent the formation of ice sleeves





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